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CBI CASES
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CBI cases decided during the last three years;

(b) the number of persons found guilty; and

(c) the number of persons exonerated alongwith the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTRY AFFAIRS.(SHRI SURESH PACHOURI)

(a) to (c): The number of CBI cases decided in trial, number of persons found guilty and acquitted/ discharged in such trials during the last three years are given in the table below:

	2001	2002	2003
Cases decided	448	673	692
Persons found guilty	551	794	673
Persons acquitted/ discharged	478	572	461

While orders by the Trial Courts for acquittal of the accused are case-based decisions pronounced after weighing the evidence led by the prosecution and the defence,according to the CBI some general reasons for acquittal/discharge of the accused persons are:-

(i) Hostility of complainant and independent witnesses;

(ii) Long delays in trial of cases making it difficult to continue the same set of Investigating Officers and Prosecutors;

(iii) Defective sanction order;

(iv) Non-availability of prime prosecution witnesses;

(v) Benefit of doubt;

(vi) Lack of jurisdiction; and

(vii) Preservation of evidence exhibits becomes difficult due to protracted trials.